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HEALTH INSURANCE

California ready for chaos over Obamacare

With backup plan in place, enrollees won't see huge premium hikes

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The calls from Bay Area consumers worried about their 2018 Obamacare health care plans keep filling up Kelley Filice Jensen's voicemail.

"People are very confused," the San Jose health insurance agent said. "They want to know if their plans are being canceled, or if their coverage will go away any minute and they'll be stuck without any insurance."

In Oakland, insurance agent Jonathan Greer also is hearing from bewildered clients, including enrollees in Obamacare plans who stand to lose their Anthem Blue Cross policies next year.

"People are calling me saying, "I need answers. What am I going to do?"' Greer said.

Their fears are understandable. The repeated, unsuccessful attempts by President Donald Trump and the Republican Congress to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act have taken a toll. Rattled by the uncertainty, Anthem Blue Cross and other insurers have backed out of many Obamacare insurance exchanges around the country.

And adding to the turmoil, Trump earlier this month halted Obamacare "cost-sharing reduc-

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Information on deadlines and policies for Covered California, plus tips from the pros.

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RAIN, SNOW AND WIND

Halloween'll be a treat, then weather turns tricky

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It's only Halloween, but winter is on the way.

Two storm systems moving out of the Gulf of Alaska are on track to bring the first substantial snow of the 2017-18 winter season to the Sierra Nevada, starting Friday, and widespread rainfall across the Bay Area over the weekend.

Forecasters said Monday that gusty winds and 1 to 2 feet of snow are likely Saturday and Sunday along California's main mountain passes, including Donner Pass near Lake Tahoe, Tioga Pass at Yosemite, Ebbetts Pass and Carson Pass, with perhaps a foot along the shoreline of Lake Tahoe this weekend.

"There's a potential for chain requirements, travel delays and possible road closures." said Chris Hintz, a meteorologist with the National

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Planned resort openings:

- Mount Rose is already open
- Mammoth Mountain, Boreal: Nov. 9.
- Squaw Valley, Northstar, Heavenly: Nov. 17.
- Kirkwood: Nov. 22
- Others open by Thanksgiving weekend.

CRIMINAL ALLEGATIONS

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Gates

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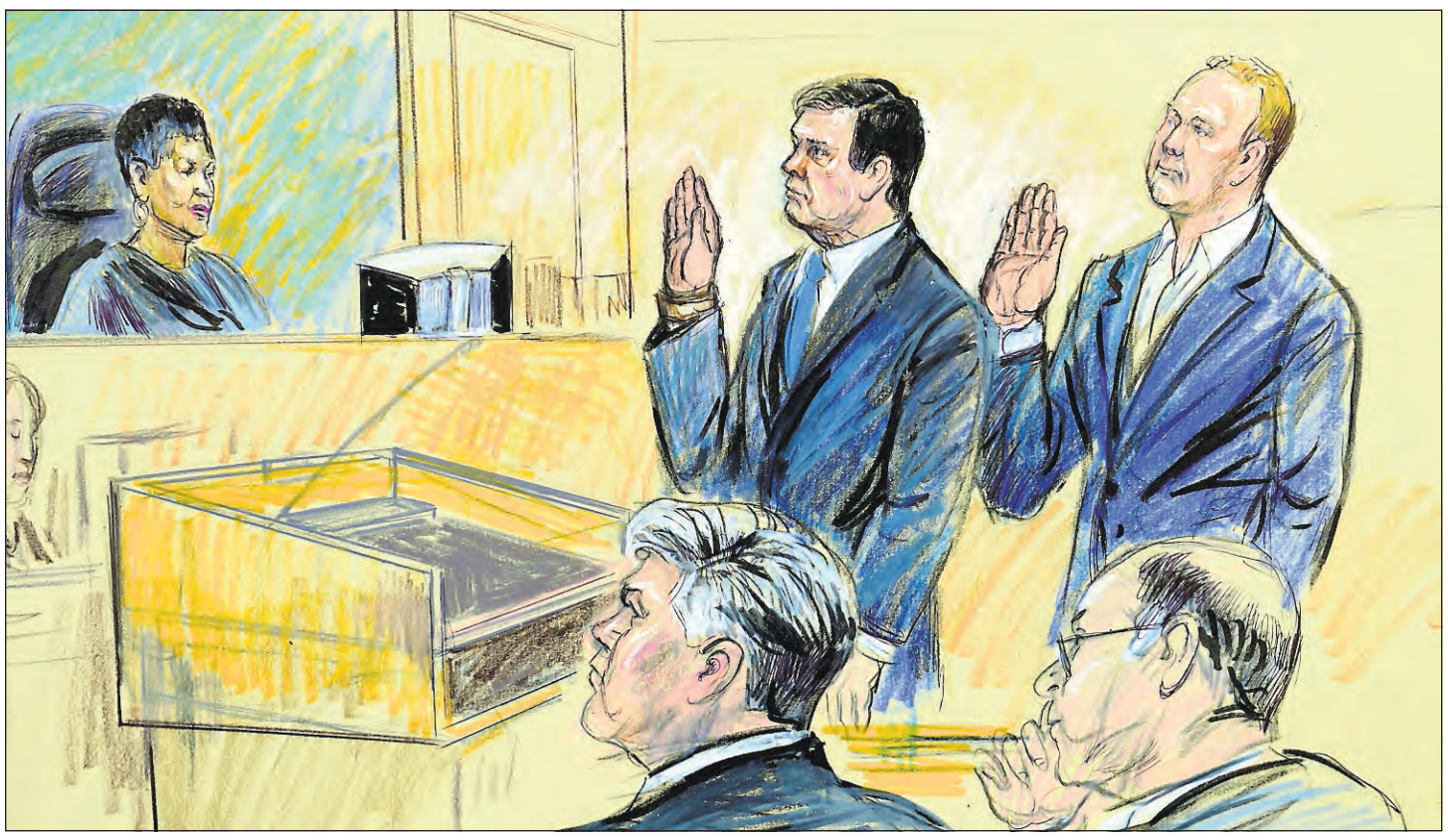

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A court artist's drawing shows Paul Manafort, center, and business associate Rick Gates in federal court in Washington on Monday.

By Matt Zapotosky, Rosalind S. Helderman, Carol D. Leonnig and Spencer S. Hsu
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON » Special Counsel Robert Mueller on Monday revealed charges against three former Trump campaign officials — including onetime campaign chairman Paul Manafort — marking the first criminal allegations to come from probes into possible Russian influence in U.S. political affairs.

The charges are striking for their breadth, touching all levels of the Trump campaign and exploring the possible personal, financial wrongdoing of those involved, as well as what appeared to be a concerted effort by one campaign official to arrange a meeting with Russian officials.

One of the three charged, for-

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Kevin Downing, attorney for Paul Manafort, speaks to reporters after the hearing in Federal Court.

FROM THE INDICTMENT

"Between in or around 2008 and 2017 ... Manafort and Gates devised ... a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises from the United States, banks and other financial institutions. As part of the scheme, Manafort and Gates repeatedly provided false information to financial bookkeepers, tax accountants, and legal counsel, among others."

The indictment says more than $75 million passed through overseas accounts used by Manafort and he laundered more than $18 million.

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Facebook says up to 126 million Americans saw Russian propaganda posts. PAGE A3

FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRANTS

S.J. rights group 'made for this moment'

Trump's election was turning point for SIREN, 30 years after inception

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More than 100 people packed into the offices of the immigrant rights organization SIREN on election night last year for what they thought would be a victory party. As the night wore on, they watched as a majority of states on the electoral map turned red in favor of electing immigration hardliner Donald Trump.

By the end of the night, it was clear he'd won the presidency.

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Elizabeth Carranza, 24, left, talks with SIREN members Mayela Razo, center, Leonardo Cervantes, and Erica Leyva, right, about voter registration in San Jose.

"SIREN opens our eyes and educates us about what's going on."

— Aurelio Sanchez, Mexican immigrant

The next morning, SIREN held an emotional news conference outside its doors, vowing to fight the obstacles ahead. That event marked a turning point for the small, grassroots organization that celebrated its 30th anniversary Friday, launching an unprecedented battle to defend immigrant rights locally and nationally under an administration pledging a significant crackdown.

"SIREN was made for this moment," said Maricela Gutierrez, the

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